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DATE: 20 February 1953

FROM :

SUBJECT: Letter of February 9, 1953 from the Deputy Attorney General relative to proposed Amendments to the Internal Security Act of 1950.

OGC HAS REVIEWED.

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1. Mr. Houston referred subject letter to me with the request that I express an opinion as to whether or not the revision of Sec. 4 of the proposed bill accomplishes what we wish to do in the way of exempting those individuals from registration, about whom we have information by our certifying that based on such information registration would not be in the interest of National Security. He also asked me to check with [REDACTED] on this matter.

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2. The only change which has been made in the proposed bill, which the Deputy Attorney General states has been cleared with this Agency, is the addition of the provision contained in sub-paragraph (d) on page 2 of subject letter. It is my belief and that of [REDACTED] that this accomplishes that which we seek.

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3. [REDACTED] did raise the question as to whether it would be necessary or advisable to spell out in the legislation that exclusion of a person under sub-paragraph (d) would not necessarily constitute sponsorship by this Agency. She indicated that although we would often desire to sponsor an individual, there might also be certain persons whom we would wish to have exempted but who might be so unstable in nature as to bring notoriety upon themselves and possibly unfavorable publicity to the Agency. This type of person we might not wish to sponsor. She also suggested that it might be advisable to emphasize to the proper Department of Justice official that we consider it paramount that this subject of exemption from registration including identity of the individuals exempted, be given the highest security.

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Office of General Counsel

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